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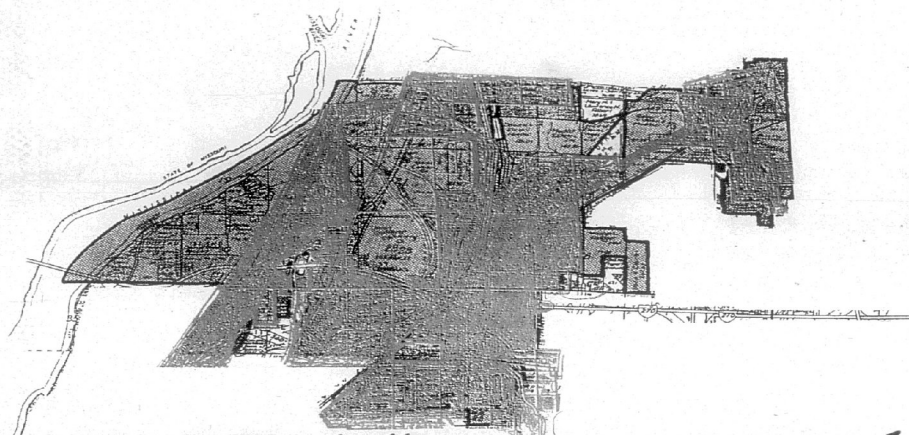
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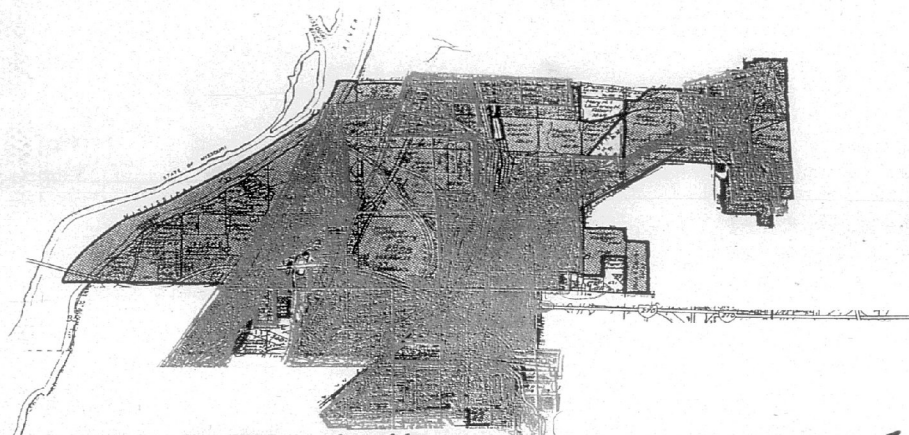
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Madison studying annexation

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The city of Madison will continue to study its legal options over the proposed annexation of more than 700 acres by Fairmont City, but will not file suit in the near future.

At a special meeting Wednesday Mayor John Hamm said City Attorney Casper Nighossian was still studying the city's legal options. After being briefed on the situation, the Council met in executive session for a short time, but no action was taken. Last week, Fairmont City held a public hearing on the annexation of 715 acres of National City and unincorporated property. At a meeting after the hearing, the Village Board approved pre-annexation

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Opinion

Campaigns for governor always growing stranger

The governor's race gets weirder all the time. Republican George Ryan looks like he's walking a tightrope. Ryan is reaching out to social liberals while at the same time trying to hold onto his... uh... shall we say less-than-tolerant hard-right base.

Part of Ryan's right flank went ballistic a few days ago when leaders of a prominent conservative group found out that Ryan's pro-choice running mate, state Rep. Corinne Wood, R-Lake Forest, was scheduled to attend a gay rights event in the Chicago area.

Gay rights and religious conservatism don't mix too well. So you can imagine the reaction.

Jack Roeser, the leader of the Family Taxpayers organization and a onetime ultra-conservative Republican gubernatorial candidate, faxed his members an angry call-to-arms demanding that they phone Ryan's campaign about Wood's transgression.

Ryan is trying to court gays — and gun control proponents, and even feminists — because his Democratic opponent, Congressman Glenn Poshard, has such a bad voting record on hot-button issues that those people care about.

Poshard is fighting back, sort of. Instead of reacting to Ryan's advances by rushing to placate the Democratic Left, Poshard's people decided to mess around with Ryan's right-wing base and send conservative activists a news article that detailed Wood's attendance at the gay rights event, just to make sure they knew that Ryan was playing footsie with the other side.

So what does this story tell us about the fall campaign? At this point it doesn't look like Poshard is all that concerned about trying to placate his party's liberal wing. In fact, it looks like Poshard is waiting for the liberals to realize that after 22 years of Republican rule they want a Democratic governor, even if he is a 100 percent pro-life, pro-gun, not-pro-gay Southerner. Chew on this factoid for a moment: Nobody under the age of 43 has ever voted for a successful Democratic candidate for Illinois governor. That's one long wait, pardner.

Poshard won't leave all of this to chance, however. He is planning to nudge some liberals home by releasing a white paper on environmental issues that may reassure people on his left that he's not a total crank.

And what about Ryan? Well, the conservatives are upset at him for all the overtures to the liberals, and that anger will only intensify.

But will they ever get so



Rich Miller

mad that they dump Ryan and go with Poshard? Poshard is more pro-life and pro-gun than Ryan ever has been, but he has voted for several big tax hikes and has proposed some that won't endear him to the hard-core right.

The key to all of this is turnout. Non-presidential elections in southern Asia this year probably will be worse than most. We already had the lowest turnout in primary elections in decades, so the fall shouldn't be any different.

One major object in any low turnout election is to depress the other side's voting base even further, since that's often easier and more effective than trying to reverse the apathetic trend in one's own base.

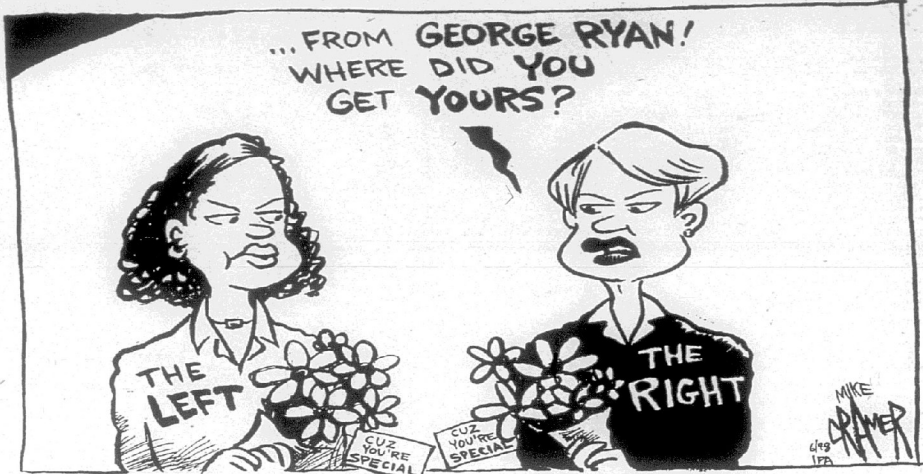
The conservative Ryan probably won't win over a huge number of gay and pro-choice voters in November, but maybe he can convince more of them to stay home than would be expected by constantly reminding them of how mean-spirited Poshard is.

And Poshard will continue to drive his message home among Ryan's base that Ryan has no core values, which might keep some of those folks home on Election Day (although with solidly pro-life U.S. Senate candidate Peter Fitzgerald on the ticket that may not be likely, but many of them might cut Poshard some slack and skip over the governor's race on their ballots).

So, the Poshard campaign will provide its time between quietly telling gays and other social liberals that Ryan is really no better on these issues (and much "worse" on others) than Poshard is, while reminding the religious right that Ryan is costing the liberal vote. Ryan, on the other hand, will use his no-new-taxes, tough-on-crime stances to try and keep the conservatives in his corner while using his "politics of inclusion" running mate to woo the left.

What a weird year.

(Rich Miller is an independent journalist who covers government issues for the Illinois Press Record.)



Editorial

Shootings show need for good parenting

School's out for the summer. That fact has always brought some sense of relief to young people whose brains and attention spans have been taxed to the limit with new information and sometimes less-than-inspired lesson plans.

But the end of this school year marks what may be remembered as the bloodiest ever in our nation's once hallowed halls of education. Indeed, let us all hope it was the worst and that the future holds the promise of peace and tranquility for

America's young. So, now the question remains what can be done during the summer months to send students back to school in the fall with a revitalized enthusiasm for learning and renewed faith in the security of their classrooms and the world they live in.

Security does seem to be at the heart of this issue, as it is often insecurities which are blamed for the violent or at least socially inappropriate behaviors often demonstrated in highly publicized cases involving young people.

If you are a parent, can you find just a little more

time to spend with your child? For those with young people employed at your business, is there a way for you to express your approval of their decision to spend their vacation in an

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State task force is investigating big-money crimes

Multi-agency team involved in crimes over \$ 25,000

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

(Editor's note: This is the second of two articles examining the Illinois State Financial Crimes Task Force.)

"White-collar crime has grown so rampant that an investigating task force may have to adjust for inflation."

"Right now we have a \$25,000 minimum threshold on the cases we'll handle," said Master Sgt. Carlo Jannoni of the Illinois State Police Financial Crimes Task Force in Springfield. "We're considering raising that to \$50,000 to help prioritize."

It is easy to see how the case of Dennis L. Dorris qualified for consideration. When the task force was handed the case last year, the

Holiday Shores man was being accused of buying up to \$340,000 worth of auto parts, furniture and construction work for himself and others and charging it to the company he worked for, Alter Barge Line in Bethalto.

Dorris was vice president of operations until he resigned during an internal investigation in June 1996, officials said. Investigators have said Dorris admitted to the scheme, but he has not yet appeared before a judge to enter a plea. He has been charged in Madison County Circuit Court with theft over \$10,000.

"Alter was a significant case for us," Jannoni said.

A big case, perhaps, but far from the only one. Every state's attorney in Illinois was contacted about the Financial Crimes Task Force when it was organized in October 1995, and most of them have used the team in white-collar cases, he said.

The agency concentrates on:

- Financial exploitation of the elderly.
- Fraud by insurance company personnel and claimants, especially involving the elderly.
- Government contractor fraud.
- Money laundering by people intent on hiding assets.
- Embezzlement in both the public and private sectors.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said the county has always had luck with State Police investigation of white-collar crime, even before the task force was formed.

"They had people like (Sgt.) Gary Leming and others who had done white-collar cases for us in the past," he said.

Leming is coordinating the Dorris investigation. Jannoni said almost all of the work done by the task force starts with a referral from one of the Illinois State Police offices, including District 11 in Collinsville and District 18 in Litchfield.

"The district offices don't have the manpower; that's why they call us," Jannoni said.

The task force is based in Springfield, working from a half-floor of space provided by the FBI. There is also a satellite office in Chicago. The FBI is one of nine state and federal agencies that have members working either directly on the task force or closely with it. They range from the Department of Insurance to the Department of Public Aid to the Postal Inspector's Office.

There are 23 people on the task force, 10 sworn officers and the remainder representatives of the state and federal agencies. Officers were recruited for the task force largely based on investigative

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Local heroes get Hardee's welcome

By Carolyn Marty
Staff writer

Ordinary folks were honored Wednesday for their extraordinary efforts.

Twenty-four individuals and one organization received 1998 Hardee's Hometown Heroes' Awards during a ceremony at Fontbonne College Fine Arts Theatre. The awardees were chosen from thousands of nominations.

The awardees were Bill Mahler and Nancy A. Sims, animal welfare; Susan Gash and James E. Keith, arts & humanities; Jessie Carter, Dolores Cunningham, Archie D'Amico, Nicole Kathleen Horne, the Rev. Louis L. Overton and Morris Charles Walker, community service; Graham Weir, educational contributions; Kathy Reimann, environmental awareness; Red Kusner and Joyce Williams, handicapped support; Dr. Glenn Cheng, healthcare; Florissant Youth Advisory Commission (represented by Andy Haarmann and Theresa Helrich), Paul Pultz, Lillie Metcalfe and Frederick Robinson, helping children; Steve Conkovich and Jean Toenges, patriotism; Blanche Lane, Kenneth Lindley and Tom Ohren, senior citizen assistance; and Shelly Farinella, substance abuse prevention.

More than 600 people attended the event which was co-sponsored by the Suburban Journals and KPLR-TV, WB 11. "It's important to take time to acknowledge and reflect what our fellow citizens are doing as volunteers and neighbors," said Richard Fleming, president and chief executive officer of the St. Louis Regional Commerce & Growth Association.



The 1998 Hardee's Hometown Heroes from Illinois standing with Hardee's regional marketing manager Joe Waller (back row, middle) are, from left, front row: Joyce Williams, Kathy Reimann, Rev. Louis Overton and Tom Ohren; back row: Steve Conkovich, Waller and Archie D'Amico.

Presenters included Fleming; Joe Waller, regional marketing manager, Hardee's Food System Inc.; Bernadine Douglas, director of community affairs, KPLR-TV; and Thomas Rice, president and chief executive officer, Suburban Journals.

Dennis Golden, president of Fontbonne College, welcomed the awardees and their guests. Masters of Ceremonies were Sandy Miller and Cree Gaist, KPLR anchors.

Bradford probe could end this week

By Becky Vollmert
Staff writer

The Illinois State Police investigation into a \$20,000 contract awarded to former state legislator Glenn Bradford, a Glen Carbon Democrat, could be complete by the end of this week, officials said Thursday.

If the inquiry uncovers any evidence of wrongdoing, the case probably will be handed to the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office, State Police spokesman Mark McDonald said.

In the meantime, Republicans are keeping up their call for the players in the alleged ghost-peddling scheme to be forced to testify under oath.

Steve Reeb, a GOP candidate from Swansea, pressed Thursday for a grand jury inquiry into the matter. Reeb said state Rep. Jay Hoffman, a Collinsville — his opponent in November's election — as well as Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan and Bradford should be called to answer questions under oath.

Republicans have accused Madigan, the state's top Democrat, of bribing Bradford, a lawyer, with a \$2,500-a-month legal contract so Bradford would resign his 112th District seat to make way for the return of Hoffman.

Hoffman had held the seat for three terms before an unsuccessful bid for Congress in 1996.

Bradford, who resigned his seat in October 1997, admitted no work was done for the contract. In March, Madigan's office rescinded the contract and made Bradford return nearly \$10,000 that had been paid to him.

While State Police have investigated the matter — interviewing Bradford, Hoffman, Madigan and his staff — GOP leaders have continued to call for them to testify under oath. Police say that might come later.

"I can understand why some people would be anxious, but we've never let our investigations be influenced by someone's political bent," McDonald said.

Reeb said he thinks Democrats would be forced to reveal the truth if they were under oath.

"For the past two months we've heard a litany of conflicting stories and denials," Reeb said. "It's time to put Hoffman, Bradford and the other participants in this scandal under oath and get to the bottom of this mess."

"Hoffman has been appointed, not appointed. He is not above the law. He needs to answer the questions of a grand jury."

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Not to worry: Cast aside those unnecessary concerns

Mark Twain said in his last days, "I have spent most of my life worrying about things and 75 percent of them have never happened."

The plague of worry is something that we all know. Today, we will try our best to eliminate this unnecessary habit. Worrying is a thief of your precious time. It robs you of life, past, present and future.

Each glorious day is a new beginning. Put the past behind and enjoy every moment of the joy and happiness that only this day can bring. Let nothing disturb your peace of mind.

Know that if you continually worry about a situation, you stifle the creative ability within you that solves the problem. If you take a positive outlook and expect the best, the problem can reverse itself and become a blessing.

A sense of humor can actually dispel the paralyzing effect of worry. Try to see the humorous side to a situation. A good belly laugh can heighten relaxation and can build a stronger immune

A New You



Catherine Galasso

system," suggests a recent study by the Humor Project, an organization that studies the effects of humor on the body.

Adopt a childlike perspective. Whenever you begin to worry about a circumstance, ask yourself, "How would a 7-year-old see this situation?" By reframing worry through a child's eyes, you can't help laughing and thus relieve distress.

Do not manufacture problems in your mind. Situations should be seen for what they are, not exaggerated or inflated by fearful or

negative thoughts. Empty your mind continually of regrets, resentment or ill feelings.

"Move forward," says Danny Criscuolo of East Haven, Conn. "You can look back but don't steer backwards."

What would happen if you drove your car by looking in the rear-view mirror? You would crash up. That's what happens when you worry and dwell on the past.

Just think of the best possible outcome and it will prevent unhealthy thoughts from clouding your perception of the future. Think of a problem this way, "Will this situation matter 10 years from now?"

If something is bothering you, sit down and make a list of your feelings. Sometimes seeing the issue on paper and writing down a solution can not only simplify your cares but also bring its answer.

Share your troubles or concerns with a friend. It helps so much to have someone whom you can trust to confide in, talk with or get advice

from. Having someone as a sounding board can make it seem less menacing.

Lift up your worries to God. He is in control and will reveal to you that all this focus on material gain, worrying about what other people think and physical imperfections is just stealing the joy of living.

Affirm and confirm His help, grace and guidance even before it is given.

God's promises are glorious. Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, God is with you and will see you through. Hand over the problem to His care. He will work it out according to His wisdom and purpose.

Remember this: God never gives grace for your imagination, but He gives abundant grace for reality. We are little creators; we set the atmosphere in our homes. So, begin today to dispel worry and replace it with faith. Have you ever heard the story about the man who took his problems to the Lord in prayer and put them on His altar? He came back in

only five minutes took them down again and worried over them. He then put them back on the altar and repeated this same scenario for 30 days.

Finally, he asked God, "Why haven't you taken care of all my worries?" God replied, "If you would have just left them totally with me, they would have been solved in three days."

Can you take better care of your worries than God? Having done all you can, just

leave the problems with Him and walk away. "Cast all your care upon him; for he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7.

Begin to live again and enjoy life, we have one. Let's live it happily and full of faith.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the *Suburban Journals*. You may write to her at *Suburban Journals*, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

Agency investigates white-collar, big-money crimes

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experience.

"When you set aside a unique group of people with a set of skills, the chance of an investigation succeeding are high," said Lt. Terry Wubker, who heads the Springfield unit of the task force.

Jannoni takes that analogy a step further. It helps to have agency representatives who know how to cut through the bureaucracy of their own

agencies. Sometimes just knowing who to contact is everything.

"We'll go to them with a situation and say, 'How would you handle this?' Jannoni said. "Then we'll consider how we would handle it and use the best of both of them."

No case is typical and all of them are considered individually before the task force accepts them.

Targets most heavily are financial crimes and insurance fraud. One frequent crime the

task force sees is people who transfer the assets of an elderly person just prior to admitting them as a Public Aid patient at a nursing home.

Jannoni gives a lot of the credit for formation of the task force to State Police Capt. Dave Erdmann. Erdmann was commander of the former Department of Criminal Investigation fraud unit that disbanded several years ago when the department was folded into the State Police.

Today, Erdmann is head of the task force, with Lt. Terry Wubker heading operations in Springfield and Master Sgt. Keith Whitman running the Chicago operation.

The task force got a significant financial boost right after it was formed when it received \$500,000 as part of a settlement of a Prudential Insurance Co. case. Jannoni said that money accounts for the bulk of its resources. The remainder comes from the State Police budget.

Unsung Heroes Committee looking for East St. Louis natives for honor

The East St. Louis Unsung Heroes Committee is looking for East St. Louis natives who graduated from college, military academies and officer schools between 1982 and 1997.

The committee is also looking for entrepreneurs who established their own businesses from 1982 to 1997 and who now own the businesses. The entrepreneurs are not required to be college graduates.

The nominees can be former East St. Louis students and current or former residents. A tab will be published this fall recognizing East St. Louis natives who have successfully climbed the corporate ladder.

Names are being submitted for the tab that will have pictures of nominees and profiles of their success stories. The tab will market their accomplishments, as well as provide a positive image of East St. Louis or the city the nominees now live in. Inquiries should be directed to the East St. Louis Unsung Heroes Committee, c/o

Belleville News-Democrat, P.O. Box 427, Drawer 7627, Belleville, Ill. 62222.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the East St. Louis NAACP Branch, 2149 Missouri

Ave. in East St. Louis; The Urban League, 890 N. 20th St. in East St. Louis; or the Belleville News-Democrat, 120 S. Illinois St. in Belleville.

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Some pests are so small, you'd never even know they were there. Others are very annoying to us, but leave lawns alone. And there are other pests that can make easy work of your gorgeous lawn and destroy it in no time at all. But weapons are available to gardeners. If you know the enemy, it's a simple matter of using the proper control.

Armyworms and Cutworms

The symptoms are ground bare areas in your lawn. If there are large numbers of these pests, the grass can be eaten right down to the soil level. Control: Liquid Sevin, Sevin Garden Dust, Dursban.

Billbugs

Small and distinct circular patterns that turn yellow or brown are a good indication of billbugs. The grass stems will lift out easily. Control: Dursban, Lawn and Garden Insect Control.

Grubs

Brown, irregular patches in the lawn in late spring or early fall are their signs. The affected lawn may be lifted up easily, like a carpet. Sometimes the little white critters are even visible when the lawn is lifted. Control: First remove the thatch that is protecting the grubs, then use Diazinon, Dylox, Oflatanol or Grubex.

Moles

When you notice raised ridges in the lawn, it's a sure bet there are moles down there. They move about by tunneling under the soil surface. These little critters really don't mean any harm, but since they break off the grass roots with their tunneling, much damage can result.

Grubs are one of the favorite foods of moles. So all you have to do is eliminate their food source and they'll look elsewhere. Follow our recommendations for grub control.

Slugs and Snails

Symptoms of these are silvery trails in the morning. If you have ivy or dense ground cover, you should keep an eye out for them. Control: Bug-Geta.

Sod Webworms

Dead patches one to two inches in diameter are a good indication that these pests have made a home in your lawn. You can break apart the damaged areas to check for signs such as greenish-tan excrement. Control: Diazinon, Dursban, Lawn Insect Spray.

Earthworms

Symptoms are small mounds or clumps of soil that are scattered about. You'll probably see the worms after a heavy rain. Why? They don't like to get wet. Rain floods their underground homes, and all they're trying to do is escape the deluge. When everything dries out they go back.

Earthworms are good for the soil, so there's no need to try to eliminate them. They help to aerate it and reduce the buildup of thatch.

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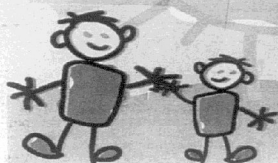
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Happy Dad's Day

Dads will like these computer gadgets

Instead of filling your dad's tie rack this year, PC Magazine's editors recommend you fill his briefcase with great computer gadgets for Father's Day.

"It's hard to drag race a minivan, so PC driving simulations are a great way to live out a race-car fantasy."

said Michael J. Miller, PC Magazine's editor-in-chief and father of two.

Driving game dad enthusiasts will love Thrust Master's NASCAR Pro Racing Wheel. This ultimate toy comes equipped with a large, realistic-feeling steering wheel and gear shift console that sits on a desk and a gas/break pedal that rests on the floor. Dads who surf the Internet will definitely be thankful for some great new navigation accessories. For under \$20, Kensington's Picture This! MousePad, not only provides superior mousing, but its

textured transparent top allows for the insertion and viewing of favorite photos.

SM's Precise Mousing Surface textured pad is another great choice, for about \$15, providing a superior grip for more precise mouse control.

Dads who haven't yet joined the computer revolution, will welcome a subscription to America On Line or Web TV, an easy-to-use and inexpensive alternative to purchasing a stand-alone computer.

And, dads on the go need constant access to e-mail and other information, and 3Com's

Palm III hand held PC answers this call to duty. Small and discreet enough to fit into a shirt pocket, this sleek digital organizer keeps track of addresses, phone numbers, appointments, to-dos and memos.

For a really special Father's Day gift, the PC Magazine dads pick the IBM Think Pad 600 laptop computer.

It leads its field in terms of features, weighs only 6.5 pounds, sports a slim profile and is great for those who need a fully operational PC on the road and on the run.

Aspiring photographer dads will love to receive a digital camera this Father's Day. The Canon Powershot and Konica's Q-mini top PC Magazine's easy-to-use digital camera list as the best for home users and PC hobbyists looking for affordability and acceptable image quality.

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Online encouragement for dads

There's plenty of help for father on World Wide Web

Plugged-in dads now have a one-stop location on the Web for everything they ever wanted to know about being a father.

Father's World is a web ring that links sites offering "information, resources, support, and education for all types of fathers and their families."

New to the site is "Dad's

Home," a bi-monthly column featuring award-winning author Joseph Oberle. "Dad's Home" is designed to both entertain and encourage other fathers in their day-to-day parenting.

"I think it's important to encourage responsible fathering as a lifestyle," said Oberle. "It's the most important job we fathers will ever have." Oberle, who is author of "Diary of a Mad Househusband" and "Unstoppable: The Story of George Mikan — the First NBA Superstar," brings 15 years of writing experience and more than seven years as a parent to Father's World. His column features the humor born of his continuing adventures as a parent of

three and insights for fathers from a comrade in the trenches.

Oberle's observations cover topics such as laundering female undergarments ("I probably have the record for the most busted bras and ripped underwear outside the bedroom"); serving as his son's nuke-independence counselor; soothing the absent mother's fragile ego; pint-sized male bonding ("Talk shows with topics like 'Transvestites and the Clothiers Who Love Them' didn't seem like appropriate viewing for a couple of guys at home together"); and maintaining his male identity ("I purchased a cigar to smoke while I mowed; a cigar gets soggy if you smoke it while

you're doing dishes"). Oberle also tackles more serious subjects, such as society's conflicting messages about the importance of fatherhood. ("It's a terribly vicious cycle that I've noticed in the workplace: The more time you spend away from home, the lower your tolerance for your children once you get there.")

"A good writer and a funny one, a male Erma Bombeck," lauded the St. Paul Pioneer Press. "A cross between Dave Barry and Erma Bombeck," said Book Reader magazine. The Fresno Bee declared that Oberle is "humorous and honest." Father's World is located at <http://www.fathersworld.com>.

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Survey: Humor factor for television dads is high

"The most popular attribute ascribed to television dads was a sense of humor."

Lynda Fitzgerald

"The most popular attribute ascribed to television dads was a sense of humor," said Lynda Fitzgerald, of Wild Turkey Bourbon. "Other important qualities sought by viewers were sensitivity, honesty, patience and understanding." However, more than 60 percent of respondents said that TV dads don't really compare to their real life counterparts. Most said that TV isn't real and does not truly reflect current family life

because of its fairy tale quality where everything always turns out all right.

What qualities would people most like to see reflected in their fathers? Understanding, patience and sensitivity came out on top, along with compassion, affection and kindness. More than 26 percent said that dads would be better off spending more time with their children.

Other important attributes people seek in their fathers are a sense of humor and a willingness to listen. According to almost 70 percent of respondents, dads have changed for the better over the past 40 years.

They cited greater involvement with children, more leniency and better accessibility as the reasons.

When asked who they would choose from TV as their own dad, a majority of people picked Cliff Huxtable.

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Obituaries

Nick Vasileff

NICK D. VASILEFF, died Wednesday, June 3, 1998, at his home, 2518 N. Madison, at the age of 45.

Mr. Vasileff retired after a 45-year career as an attorney. He had been a part-time assistant attorney general, city attorney of Madison, and attorney for Namecki and Venice townships. He was also a U.S. Army First Lieutenant World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Powell, one daughter, Victoria Vasileff, and one sister, Eva Johannigier.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Docho and Marlea Vasileff; and two brothers, Dr. Vasil Vasileff and Leo Vasileff.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at the Ethical Society of St. Louis, 9001 Clayton Road, Ladue, Mo.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Madison County Bar Association Memorial Fund, 216 North Main, Edwardsville, 62025.

Mabel Ford

MABEL D. FORD, 94, of Mt. Vernon died Thursday, June 11, 1998, at Mt. Vernon Country Side Manor.

Mrs. Ford was born Nov. 25, 1903, in Baton Rouge, La. She was a member of the Christian Church, VFW Auxiliary of Post 1376, and former member of the Order of Eastern Star in Sacramento, Calif.

Survivors include her nieces, Maxine McClinton of Mt. Vernon and Norma Rightnowor of Woodlawn; three nephews, Bob Morgan of Mt. Vernon, Bill Morgan of Granite City, and Jerry Drake of Clinton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Ford; parents, Alfred and Martha (Martin) Dollins;

one daughter, Vergene Kutz; one brother, and two sisters. Services were Saturday, June 13, at Hughes Funeral Home, with the Rev. Howard Krapps officiating. Burial was in Richardson Hill Cemetery in Dahlgren.

Vera Sechrest

VERA M. SECHREST, 16, of Granite City, died Sunday, June 13, 1998, at Cordabone Memorial Hospital.

Miss Sechrest was born May 21, 1982, in Granite City. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Alton.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Susan Sechrest Glibber and Mark Glibber, both of Granite City; her grandmother, Jeanette Sechrest of Granite City; and her grandfather, Lillie White of Granite City.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. today, Sunday, June 14, at Hughes Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon, with the Rev. Robert Cox officiating. Burial will be in Hopefield Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.

Oran Cookembo Sr.

ORAN COOKEMBO SR., 64, of Collinsville died Sunday, June 7, 1998, at his residence.

Mr. Cookembo was born Oct. 10, 1933, in Puxico, Mo. He was a member of the Rush Limbaugh Ditto Club.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia (Clarkson) Cookembo; two daughters, Carol and Kimberly; one son, Oran Jr.; and one grandson, Nicholas Zimmer of Collinsville; two sisters, Pat Lege of Collinsville, and Dee West of Collinsville; one brother, Don Cookembo of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; one granddaughter, Miriam; and two grandsons, one grandson, Nicholas Zimmer of Collinsville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Martha (Martin) Dollins;

Collinsville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Maude (Laster) Cookembo.

Services were private. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Hos Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Ferd Pieper

FERD J. PIEPER, 75, of Granite City died Wednesday, June 10, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Pieper was born Aug. 29, 1922, in Granite City. He opened Ferd's Flowers in December 1962 in Granite City. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus 1098 and Holy Family Catholic Church and was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (Dutcher) Pieper; three sons, Richard Robert Pieper, Jerry Pieper and Robert Pieper, all of Granite City; and three daughters, Carol Schaf of Benton, Wash., and Jeanne Schefke of Granite City; three brothers, Jerry Pieper and Dorothy Young; and one granddaughter, Karen Pieper.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 14, at Werner Chapel in Granite City.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, June 15, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fischerkeller officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Alice Fahy Pieper; two brothers, Paul and Henry Pieper; two sisters, Margaret Crawshaw and Dorothy Young; and one granddaughter, Karen Pieper.

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Base is not closing, Costello says

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With the ROE, the military will send word to all Department of Defense agencies worldwide to discover whether any federal agency would want to use all or parts of the base. If no agency did, then the military could offer portions of the base to the community, in this case Granite City, Venice and Madison.

If that happened, the city or cities would have to assume financial responsibility over those portions of the base, such as the pump station that collects storm water from Granite City. During a normal year the Arm spends between \$250,000 to \$300,000 maintaining the pump.

The ROE is not the same thing as a BRAC, or Base Realignment and Closing, which the Price Base was considered for in 1995.

Costello and numerous area leaders successfully fought to keep Price open. Under the ROE, the is no federal money made available to help the community absorb the base infrastructure, unlike a BRAC, where money is available.

Nothing about the base's future is definite, Armstrong said Wednesday.

"I have no idea how long this will take," Armstrong said Wednesday, referring to the ROE and finding new tenants for the base.

Madison studying Fairmont annexation

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ordinances from five property owners, including St. Louis National Stockyards.

The village is seeking court approval for a supervised annexation. Fairmont City Mayor Al Bregen said the village is attempting an unusual method to annex the property.

Bregen said a 9 a.m. July 1 court date has been set at the St. Clair County Courthouse to seek an annexation under court supervision.

If successful, the annexation would stretch from the present boundaries north to Brooklyn and west to the Mississippi River. It would cut off Madison, Brooklyn and East St. Louis from future annexations in the area.

Most of the property, south and west of Madison, is part of the recently discontinued village of National City.

Madison and Fairmont City have been jockeying for position for the past several years and have overlapping annexations. If there is a legal challenge, one of the municipalities would probably be cut off from further annexations to the west.

Hamm said he was willing to negotiate with Fairmont City officials to avoid a long court fight.

"My commitment is if the stockyards want to go to Fairmont City, we will give them a corridor," he said.

Bregen said he is confident the annexations will be approved.

"I don't think there is anything to negotiate," he said Thursday.

Hamm said one of his concerns is that the proposed annexations would block Madison from expanding west to the Mississippi River.

Both he and Nigholossian also pointed out that the original proposed annexation by

"It's obviously a long-term process (that will take) probably years, in order to make this happen."

"That's not to say that this is bad news, because there are opportunities here," he said.

Costello echoed Armstrong, saying that it was possible that with a new sponsor, operations at the base could actually increase.

"One of the reasons why we fought to keep the Price Center open during the base closure process was to eventually find other ways to utilize this prime location," Costello said. "It has strategic potential for reserve, maintenance and supply activities, as well as increased private sector involvement."

For example, currently 10,000 Army Reservists train at the base every year. Also, the U.S. Navy operates a \$1 billion tool and die operation for aircraft, tied in with Boeing Co.'s facilities at Lambert Airport.

The Leadership Council Southwest Illinois and other organizations such as the Rotary Club will be working in the area and with the military to help find ways to a greater utilize the base.

Meanwhile, Costello was to meet with Armstrong, Mayor Ron Selph and other city officials Saturday morning to discuss the situation. Because of Journal deadlines, reports on the meeting will appear in Wednesday's Journal.

Madison City appears to include several parcels that have already been annexed into Madison.

Those include Midwest Rack, a Lanter Corp. warehouse, and Gateway National Golf Links.

"Their maps are a little out of date," Nigholossian said. "Some of that should be expected because of our recent annexations."

"At this point I don't feel it's a knock-down drag-out fight," Hamm said. "I think everybody needs to back off and check their maps."

The two municipalities have a history of controversy over annexations.

A drawn-out court fight over Madison's annexation of Gateway International Raceway and nearby properties in the mid-1980s was settled several years ago.

In 1996, both municipalities had approached the stockyards about annexation after National City was dissolved, jockeying for position, both both municipalities approved annexation ordinances for former railroad right of way property east of National City.

Earlier this year, East St. Louis approved annexing the St. Louis Auto Shredder, including property now involved in a legal dispute between the owners and the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority.

Madison City officials pointed out at the time that their previous annexations in that area split the shredder property, nullifying East St. Louis' actions.

All this came after the Illinois Supreme Court refused to consider an appeal of the dissolution of the village of National City.

The original suit had been filed by the National City officials after St. Clair County attempted to have the village disbanded because it didn't have enough residents.

Mitchell plan may lead to success

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Rich Mueller, member of the Mitchell Incorporation Committee, said that for several months, attorney James Sinclair, Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa and State's Attorney Bill Haine have been working on re-drawing the boundaries.

The next step, he said, will be to present the plan to the County Board's Land Use Committee and then to the full board. The Land Use Committee in August 1997 made no recommendation to the board about the incorporation.

Officials in Granite City, Pontoon Beach, Edwardsville and other communities had objected last year to the original boundary map, mainly because they believed an incorporated Mitchell would have left

them no room to grow. As a result, in August, the County Board denied Mitchell's incorporation proposal, and Circuit Judge Randall Bono followed shortly with a dismissal of Mitchell residents' petition to be allowed to vote on their incorporation.

Mitchell residents vowed to fight on, and almost one year later are ready to try again.

"We left out people who wanted to be left out," Mueller said. "We've had concessions and agreements with Hartford, Roxana and South Roxana."

In leaving out the UE property, he said, the company gave the Mitchell organizers a narrow access to the land west of Illinois 3. Without that, allowed council members to those properties, especially since they dropped their claim to the Jennings property.

The Jennings land, between Illinois 3 and the Norfolk Southern tracks north of Interstate 270, connects

Granite City with the UE property, and was the subject of a bitter fight last fall between the Jennings and Mitchell incorporation supporters.

"We had 22 square miles reduced down to less than 14," Mueller said. "If we lose the Poag area, it could be much less than 14."

Edwardsville plans on June 9 confirmed plans to annex more than 150 acres west of Illinois 255, the extension of Interstate 255, expected to open later this year. About 350 people who want to be part of the proposed Mitchell would be cut off if Edwardsville's plans go through.

Despite the shrinking borders, Mueller said Mitchell organizers are confident they will still meet the required population base of 7,500 people.

"They can't shrink it any more, he said, because first, because of the financial assistance they've received, they don't want to now tell people they can't be in Mitchell."

Next, if they fall below 7,500 people, Mitchell would not have the revenues to operate. With the revised map, he said, Mitchell will still have a tax base of more than \$55 million.

"We honor anybody's request for not being in the Mitchell boundaries. If they want to be a part of Mitchell they can be. If not, we respect that choice," Mueller said.

They respect all landowners' rights to do with their property what they will, he said.

Any resident wanting more information about the incorporation effort, the new map and when the vote will be held, property is within the Mitchell boundaries should stop by the incorporation office at 514 E. Chain of Rocks Road.

For information, call MCT at 931-7433.

Bus changes to be discussed

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The changes were meant to take place at the time of the opening of the new Edwardsville Transfer Center.

"Unfortunately the transfer center won't be done yet," Plesko said.

At the hearing, MCT representatives will be available to discuss the proposed changes. Citizens will also have a chance to provide input to MCT officials, and obtain maps and schedules.

"The timing and format for the meeting will make it easy for those who use the MCT system to speak directly with representatives from the district so that they can learn about the service changes and share their views about the proposed changes," said MCT Chairman and Granite City Mayor Ron Selph.

The proposed changes include:

- The 593X Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Express will be renamed the 16X Edwardsville Express and have seven morning trips to downtown St. Louis and six afternoon return trips. That is an increase in one trip each way, meaning a larger number of work shifts can be served.

- The 13 Edwardsville/Troy route will be converted into two routes.

- The new 16 Edwardsville Circulator is expected to significantly reduce the travel time between the north and south neighborhoods in Edwardsville, the north end of Glen Carbon, downtown Edwardsville, and Southern Illinois University at

Edwardsville.

- The revised 13 Glen Carbon/Troy route will provide improved service on weekdays to the May Building and neighborhoods east of Illinois 159 in Edwardsville. Other expected benefits of the new service include connections between Troy south Glen Carbon and SIUE through Cottonwood Mall.

- The 16 Edwardsville/Madison route will be modified to serve West Union and East Union in Edwardsville.

- Mid-day service on the 14 Highland/Edwardsville will be eliminated due to low ridership. Morning and afternoon commuter trips between Highland, Marine, St. Jacob and SIUE will continue unchanged.

- The district will also be taking over operation of Bi-State's 514X Bethalto Express, which will be renamed the 12X Bethalto/Wood River express. The same number of trips will be offered, and this route and other express routes to downtown St. Louis will be expanded further into downtown to be consistent with the other MCT express routes now in operation.

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Area man gets 40 years for rape

A Madison man was recently sentenced to 40 years in prison for the rape of two women in his home last year. David P. Brown, 33, had been convicted of raping two women at knifepoint in his basement.

The women — both prostitutes — escaped when Brown's mother came home, discovered the three in the basement and ordered Brown to drop the knife.

According to police records, the two women had been walking in Madison when Brown approached them. One of the women agreed to have sex with him, but when they arrived at his home he pulled a knife and assaulted the two. Detective Neal Mize said police were pleased to see Brown receive such a long sentence and were also pleased that the victims cooperated — something previous victims apparently had not done.

Utility tax change to cost city

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A delay in passing an ordinance changing the way its utility tax is structured will probably cost the city of Madison up to \$6,000.

MADISON At a special meeting Wednesday, City Attorney Casper Nighoghossian told the Council the ordinance would probably be delayed by a month or two.

Because of the delay, the city will lose an estimated \$1,700-\$2,700 per month in tax revenue.

He said the delay is being caused by the city's "unique" situation regarding power companies.

The rate changes are necessary because of recent legislation deregulating utilities, and had to be in place by June 15 to avoid a loss of income from an expected 15 percent rate reduction Aug. 1.

Because rates are expected to fall dramatically, that would mean a decrease in income for municipalities relying on utility taxes.

To correct the problem, the deregulation legislation includes formulas for converting the utility taxes to a usage-based proportional rate.

However, Illinois Power officials said in running numbers there are some cases where the change in the rate structure will affect the tax revenues. Factors such as a larger industrial or commercial base could create that situation.

Madison — which has a 5 percent utility tax — is served by both Illinois Power and AmerenUE.

IP serves the older section of town in Madison County, which is primarily residential. AmerenUE serves the St. Clair County portion of the city, which is almost totally commercial.

Each section will require a different rate structure, but figures on usage must be combined before the actual rates can be determined.

Nighoghossian said AmerenUE notified them of the situation in a June 4 letter.

National Steel penalty: \$546,700

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

National Steel Corp., the parent company of Granite City Steel, must pay a \$546,700 civil penalty under a proposed agreement with federal authorities.

National, the U.S. Justice Department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently reached an agreement on alleged clean-air violations at the Granite City Division. In addition to the money, National will have to perform two environmental projects that could cost \$2.39 million.

The first project is to complete a fugitive dust reduction project at its finished coil production and storage area. National must also conduct a household hazardous waste collection in the Granite City area.

In the complaint filed in October 1997, the Department of Justice alleged violations of federal-enforced state rules for control of particulates at the coke plant and steel shop between 1992 and 1995.

Particulates are smoke, dust and ash. The complaint also cites alleged violation of federal air pollution rules for coke-oven gas and benzene at the coke plant and the coke by-product recovery plant.

Granite City Steel has already corrected the violations by installing additional air pollution control equipment.

To inspect to proposed consent decree, contact the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, 9 Executive Drive, Suite 300, Fairview Heights, 62208. Or send \$5 to Consent Decree Library, 1120 G St. NW, 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, or (202) 624-0892. Reference for the decree is 90-5-2-1-2108.

Contestants are being accepted for the 1998 Miss & Little Miss Madison County Fair Pageants



To enter the Queen Pageant, each contestant must:

- Be 16 years old and not turn 22 before January 1, 1999.
- Be a resident of, or attend school in, Madison County.
- Never have been married or be a parent.
- Never have competed in the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant.

Miss Madison County Fair will receive a scholarship, prizes and an expense paid trip to the 1999 Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant.

All contestants receive gifts!

To enter or for more information, call Wendy Hartlieb at 654-5089.

To enter the Little Miss Pageant, each contestant must:

- Be entering kindergarten in the fall of 1998.
- Be a resident of, or attend school in, Madison County.

All Little Miss Contestants will receive prizes!

To enter, send the contestants name, age, birthday, where she will attend kindergarten this fall, address, phone number and parents name to: Wendy Hartlieb, Director, 1307 Lindental Avenue, Highland, Illinois 62249. For more information, you may call 654-5089. Only 25 contestants will be accepted for the Little Miss Pageant. All entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, June 17. If more than 25 entries are received, a drawing will be held to determine who the contestants will be. Please do not purchase anything for the pageant until you are notified that your daughter is a contestant.

Seniors Conference set for Jordan Center

The Greater East St. Louis Community Health and Social Services Consortium is planning its annual Seniors Conference for Oct. 20 at the Clyde Jordan Senior Citizens Center, 6755 State St. in East St. Louis.

About 500 senior citizens throughout the Metro East attend the conference each year.

The conference offers health education, health services, social activities, entertainment, presentations by professionals, prizes and food.

The consortium is a non-profit organization composed of about 60 health and social service agencies.

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Trips planned

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trip can only accommodate single or double rooms. The trip will go on sale on June 24 at 8 a.m. at the Wilson Park Ice Rink. Each person can register for one room of either one or two people. Residents of the Park District will have priority with non-residents placed on a waiting list and notified one week later of availability.

The second trip will be made mid-week during the second week of November to the Rockford area. This will have a holiday theme, mainly geared to Christmas. At this time to be included are a trip to a flower farm with over 12,000 poinsettias growing and blooming, a horse-drawn wagon ride through one of Illinois' largest Christmas tree farms where each person will decorate and bring home a live Christmas wreath, a visit the world's only angel museum with over 11,000 angels and a complete dinner with live entertainment.

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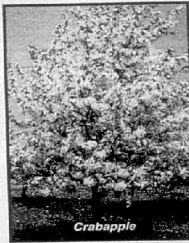
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Sports

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More than just a pitcher

Lebanon's Bohnenstiehl did what it takes to win

Let's hear it for the girls.

In future years when girls softball fans recall the consecutive state tournament appearance by Lebanon High School in 1996, '97 and '98, the dominance of pitcher Nicole Bohnenstiehl will, no doubt, lead the discussion.



Art Voellinger
Sports Views

After all, how could anyone ignore the righthander's career strikeout total of more than 1,000, including 30 Ks in a 19-inning 1-0 loss to Herscher in the '96 Class A state tournament quarterfinals and 23 in the 14-inning 2-0 loss to Carrollton on June 5?

"Yet, I wonder who will note Bohnenstiehl's defensive play that contributed to a 1-0 triumph against Nashville in the Marissa Sectional.

"In the first inning of that game, Nashville shortstop Jenny Doebling hit a two-out triple to right center field and then, after an errant relay throw got past catcher Keri Shake, Bohnenstiehl, though, covered home on the play and tagged Doebling out on Shake's throw to end the inning.

"By coincidence, it was Bohnenstiehl in another nonpitching mode that helped account for the game's only run at Marissa and the trip to state. In the sixth inning, Shannon Gray led off with a bunt and was safe when the Nashville second baseman dropped losing pitcher Amy Harre's throw at first base.

"A sacrifice bunt by Abbey Beckstader followed and then Bohnenstiehl, after swinging at two pitches, defied an intentional walk attempt, struck out but advanced to first when the ball got past the catcher.

"A slow ground ball by Jessica Reinacher reached shortstop Doebling, but her throw home was too late to catch Gray.

"Again, Bohnenstiehl will be long remembered for feats like her 20-5 senior season and 344 strikeouts in 179 innings, but her efforts as an all-around player are as much a credit to herself as to veteran coach Hank Feldt, who I'm sure has seen many examples of a



John Swistak Jr. photos

ABOVE: Runners head for the finish line at the annual International Horseradish Festival on June 6 in Collinsville. Results are listed on Page 2B in today's Journal. AT RIGHT: Collinsville native Katie Meyer placed first among women and fifth overall in the event.

Meyer wins women's title in International Horseradish 5K

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

The uniform might have looked out of place, but the person dominating the race

RUNNING

Katie Meyer won the women's division of the International Horseradish Festival's 5-kilometer run on June 6 in a sizzling time of 17 minutes 59 seconds.

Meyer stood out as the leader of the women's division in her black and gold uniform of the University of

Missouri. Meyer, a freshman at Mizzou, donned the purple and white of Collinsville High School in her prep running career.

She was competing locally for the first time since the spring of 1997, when she was a senior member of the CHS track team.

"It was really fun for me to get back to the hometown and run," Meyer said. "It was something I was looking forward to all year."

Terry Covey won the men's division in a time of 17:04, less than a minute ahead of Meyer, who finished fifth overall in a field of 121 male and female

runners.

"On the girls side, there really wasn't any competition," Meyer said. "There were four guys who beat me and gave me a real good run. I didn't want to kill myself because I will be racing in two weeks."

"I've shifted my mentality to where racing any time is really fun now. I enjoy it whether it is the horseradish run or some of the more anxiety type of races like the Big 12. I try to look it at the same."

Meyer is focusing her attention toward the USA Championships, June 19 in



New Orleans.

She currently has one of the top 12 times in the nation this year in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. The last time Meyer checked with Tigers coach Jeff Pigg, she had either the second or third best time in the country in the event. The 3,000-meter women's steeplechase is an exhibition

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Brewer signs with Orioles

Granite City grad headed to Sarasota

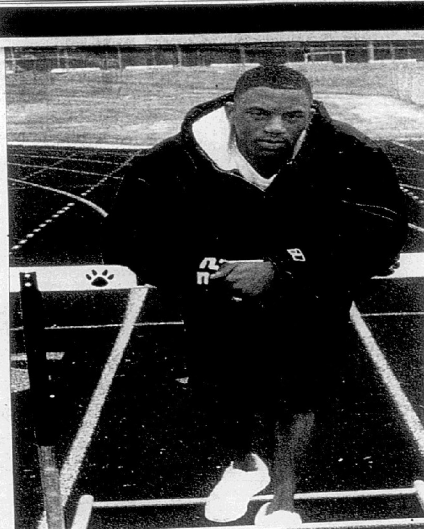
By Scott Marion
Staff writer

One of the biggest moments of Dustin Brewer's life led to one of the easiest decisions of his life.

Brewer, who recently graduated from Granite City, signed a letter of intent on June 2 to play baseball at Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey. Later that day, he was drafted in the 22nd round of the major league by the Baltimore Orioles.

Brewer had the option of playing with Lewis & Clark next season and signing with the Orioles before the 1999 draft, but he signed a pro

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Scott Marion photo

O'Fallon's Ralph Holmes won the IHSA Class AA state title in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

Holmes fights off shoulder pain in pursuit of state championship

O'Fallon senior captures 300 intermediate hurdles title

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

The pain in Ralph Holmes' left shoulder is just about gone, but the smile is still on his face.

Holmes, who bounced back from a dislocated shoulder at the sectional meet, went on to claim the state championship in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles at the state meet May 30 in Charleston.

"I'm pretty happy," said Holmes, a 5-foot-9, 165-pound senior. "I'm still a little disappointed I didn't qualify for the 110 (high hurdles), but I'll get over it."

At the Marion Sectional on May 22, Holmes was scheduled to run in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. He was taken out of the 4x400 after being injured, but ran at state and helped the Panthers to an 11th-place finish.

"I had a hurdle wrong and my trail leg popped my arm up and my arm wouldn't come down," Holmes said of his injury, which occurred while running the 110 hurdles at the sectional. "I was hurting, but it didn't really hurt until they popped it back in place. That's when I felt all the pain."

Holmes got up and finished the race, but he placed sixth and didn't qualify for state. He was in the lead when he dislocated his shoulder.

"I couldn't believe it — I was in shock. I was wondering why it had to happen then and there."

"I had about 25 or 30 minutes (between the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles). They

bandaged me up and I had ice on my shoulder for a while."

Bandages and all, Holmes coasted to an easy victory in the 300 hurdles with a time of 38.84 seconds. At state, he ran 37.5 in the preliminaries and 37.14 in the finals. The state record is 37.1.

For his efforts, Holmes shares the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois Athlete of the Year honors with East St. Louis' Dexter Anderson. Anderson led the Flyers to their first state title since 1993 by winning the 100- and 400-meter runs, placing second in the 200 and anchoring the second-place 4x100 relay.

"(The shoulder) was hurting me a lot during the state meet, but I just tried to block it out and run as hard as I could," Holmes said. "My friend, (O'Fallon senior) Todd Bjerkaas, was in the 110 hurdles and I was watching him in the prelims, but it hurt too bad just sitting there and having to watch. That's when I knew I had to win the 300."

"It would have been nice to break the state record, but I ran 38.84 at the sectional. If anybody says I can't break it, I can prove I could. I'm just happy to win the gold."

"I always felt I was capable of winning. My parents and my whole family were there to support me. I knew I could do it."

A three-sport athlete at O'Fallon, Holmes

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Sports

Twisters complete inaugural season

Special to the Journal

The Metro East's newest gymnastics school, Midwest Twisters, by level.

GYMNASTICS

leading in O'Fallon, was well-represented this past season by its small but successful competitive team. Season highlights by level:

• The Twisters' Level 5 team placed first at the St. Louis Arch Spring Classic in April, led by Katie Parsons of Edwardsville, who placed first all-around with a 34.65 which included event gold medals on vault, bars and beam. Autumn Lomax of Collinsville scored a career-high 9.0 to capture the gold on uneven bars and silver medals on vault and all-around. Brandy Fish of Belleville was the silver medalist on vault to become Danie Huber of Greenville won the bronze medal on vault while earning fifth on bars, beam and all-around. Jaime Peterson of Scott Air Force Base placed fourth on vault. Abbey Manfucci of O'Fallon placed fifth on vault.

"This was a great meet for the team with everybody contributing to the first-place finish," said Mickey Orr of O'Fallon, owner and head coach of Midwest Twisters. "These girls are all members



Members of the Midwest Twisters Cyclones Gymnastics team (from left): Danie Huber, Katie Parsons, Jaime Peterson, Abbey Manfucci and Autumn Lomax. Not pictured is Brandy Fish.

of our 'Cyclones' team, who opt to train fewer hours (six) per week than their USAG team counterparts."

The Cyclones team is coached by Lyn Rhoades, Jill Laswell, Cindi Marti and Orr. Marti also won the USA Gymnastics national team members' top performances this season came from Heather Marti of Greenville and Gabrielle Sypher of Fairview Heights. Marti, a Level 8 gymnast, earned the gold medal on vault for the second consecutive year at the Region 5 Championship in Cincinnati while scoring a 8.935. Region 5 consists of Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. Marti also won the gold for the second straight year at the Illinois State Championship, scoring a 9.075. Sypher was the Southern Illinois Sectional all-around champion, scoring a

35.80 which included gold-medal performances on bars (9.20) and beam (9.20) and a silver on floor (9.05). Sypher competed in the 9-year-old age division. As Southern Illinois' top qualifier to the state championship, Sypher finished fourth all-around with a career-high 35.85, which included the silver on bars.

Chelsea Evans of Fairview Heights (Level 8) finished fifth on floor and seventh all-around at the Derby Classic held in Louisville, Ky. Lindsey Lockhart of Belleville (Level 10) earned a silver on bars, fourth place on beam and floor and sixth all-around at the Midwest Open Classic in Chicago.

The USAG Junior Olympic Program is a 10-level program with competition offered at levels 4 through 10. Levels 4

through 7 are compulsory levels of increasing difficulty while Levels 8-10 are for beginning, intermediate and advanced optional competitors. National caliber Level 10 gymnasts may opt to enter the elite level, where the top performers contend for a spot on the national team.

"I give the girls a lot of credit for what they were able to accomplish this season despite the limited training they received," Orr said. "We were commuting to a gym in St. Louis before the gym opened in October and the girls took five weeks off in the interim. Our facility was rather limited this year as far as training apparatus for the competitive girls. This will not be a problem this year as we are preparing to open an additional 8,000 square feet this summer."

Granite City Parks offering tournaments

The Granite City Park District will host three base-

ball tournaments in conjunction with the Patriots in the Park Celebration.

The tournaments, set for June 27-30, will have a consolation bracket and every team will be guaranteed at least two games.

Entry fee is \$90. Teams can come to the Wilson Park Office or call 877-3059 before June 25.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places as well as consolation winners in each division based on eight teams in each division.

For more information, call Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

Softball tournament

The Granite City Park District will host a July 4 Softball Tournament for men and women, and a tournament for women to run in conjunction with the Patriots in the Park Celebration.

The tournaments will be double-elimination and played at George Sykes Field.

Entry fee is \$90. Teams can come to the Wilson Park Office to register by 5 p.m. June 26.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third-place teams in each division based on eight teams in each division.

For information, call Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park Office, 877-3059.

Hors d'oeuvres will be

served and a cash bar available. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale at Bogie Redmon Insurance Agency, 405 St. Louis Road, and Your Insurance Agency (Pat Darling), 208 E. Main St.

Soccer tryouts

Newly formed Collinsville United under-12 girls soccer team will conduct tryouts July 1, 6 and 8 (6-8 p.m.) and July 11 (10 a.m.) at Van Fossen Fields for girls born after Aug. 1, 1986. Bring copy of birth certificate and soccer ball. For information, call 831-8332.

Tennis camp

Collinsville tennis coach Michele Stuts is conducting a youth camp, 8-10 a.m. June 15-19 at Collinsville High School. For more information, call 346-6320.

Wrestling camp

Bill Matzker, head wrestling coach at O'Fallon High School, and assistants Andy Fairlie and Tim Hackney are organizing the fourth annual Booster Club Summer Wrestling Camp for O'Fallon Township District 203 seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders. The camp will be 12 noon-2 p.m. June 16-18 and June 23-25 at the OTHS wrestling room, east of the main gym.

For more information, call the high school (832-3507) or contact Andy Fairlie, 1125 Creekside Court, O'Fallon, Ill., 62269.

More briefs..... Wednesday

Running Results

1998 International Horseradish Festival 5K Run
Results for the 1998 International Horseradish Festival 5K/10K run, June 6 in downtown Collinsville.

Overall winner
Katie Meyer, Collinsville.....17:59

Lauren Sankey, Collinsville.....35:11

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Lauren Westcott, Collinsville.....29:19

Susan Burgess, Caseyville.....31:19

Lisa Deaur, Troy.....36:39

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Pat Wilson, Collinsville.....22:40

Lisa Holtgrave, Highland.....27:44

Carla Dintelman, Belleville.....29:51

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Youth Track Results

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3. Jessica River, Worthen.....120-1 1/2

4. Rachel Glas, Frohardt.....120-1 1/2

5. Jessica Ray, Frohardt.....120-1 1/2

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6. Justin Cook, Marshall.....1.0"

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2. Brandon Beasley, Frohardt.....7.2

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4. Greg Anderson, Nidringhaus.....7.2

5. Chris Asadorian, Nidringhaus.....7.2

6. Phillip Wilkinson, Mitchell.....7.2

Shuttle
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Sports

National A-Star team edges St. Louis squad

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

St. Louis area basketball fans got a chance to take a look at the future of the University of Missouri, Saint Louis University and University of Illinois programs Wednesday at the "Hurricane" Spring Hoops and

Huddles All-Star High School Basketball Exhibition game at Maryville University. Mizzy recruits Keyan Dooling, Clarence Gilbert, Travis Robinson and Pat Schumacher were on display along with Saint Louis

University players Ricky Cranford, Drew Diener and Chris Braun (Gibault), and University of Illinois recruits Frankie Williams and Robert Archibald.

With the game on the line, a pair of University of Arizona recruits who stole the show.

Richard Jefferson and Michael

Wright combined for 24 fourth quarter points and the National team needed each one of them to defeat the St. Louis Metropolitan All-Stars 11-13 behind a capacity crowd.

Edwardsville's Jon Harris led the St. Louis stars with 22 points. Cardinal Ritter's Brandon Campbell, who will be attending Cal

State-Fullerton, was spectacular for the St. Louis Metropolitan All-Stars with a handful of dunks and 21 points. Josh Helbig (Belleville East) added 20 points, including four 3-pointers. Maurice Baker (Madison) was also in double figures for St. Louis with 11 points.

Meyer wins 5K run at Horseradish Festival

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race at the meet.

"I have been bothering my coach to do it all year," Meyer said of the steeplechase. "We do (the event) at our home meets. It really went well. We practiced the week of learning to jump over the hurdles. It is a lot of fun and luckily it went all right."

The event filled a void for Meyer, who was an exceptional long jump specialist for the Kahoks. In fact, she is the only female athlete at Collinsville High to ever leap farther than 17 feet.

The steeplechase is a 3,000-meter race. It is 200 meters shorter than two miles," Meyer said. "There are 35 barriers throughout

the course of the race, seven of which are a water jump or a water barrier. For me, I really enjoy it. It is kind of combination of running and jumping. Not being able to long jump in college any more, is something I really enjoyed. It is exciting. (The steeplechase) is on the ground floor for the women."

When Meyer returns from New Orleans, she will have just a couple of days rest before she prepares for the Junior Track Nationals for participants under 20 years old. The event, slated for June 26-27, will be conducted for the second straight year at SIUE-Edwardsville.

If Meyer runs well at SIUE, she could be selected to represent the United States at the Junior World Track Championships, July 28-Aug. 2 in Annecy, France.

Lebanon returns to state tourney with Bohnenstiehl leading the way

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player in softball or baseball react too slowly to prevail.

Extra innings

Nashville freshman pitcher Harre permitted just one hit as the Hornets finished at 2-6 but can look to next season as much as Lebanon, which featured five freshmen...

Against Nashville, Bohnenstiehl said she pitched better after a fourth-inning play in which the Hornets batter popped up on a two-strike bunt attempt but was allowed to return to the batter's box even though the ball had been dropped by the Lebanon first baseman.

The plate ump realized he had blown the call but after another pitch could not reverse his boo-boo. Southern Mississippi-bound Bohnenstiehl — who led the Greyhounds to a second-place finish in 1997 — settled the matter by

striking out the batter anyway.

Footnote

Even though Collinsville was eliminated by Lincoln-Way 5-2 in the quarterfinals of the state girls soccer tournament, the Kahoks should enjoy the words of St. Charles state champion coach Jim Moreau.

A coach of boys soccer at St. Charles for six seasons, Moreau completed his fourth year with the girls, who he claims are more coachable than the boys.

Said Moreau: "Boys like to be told what to do, but girls want a say in what is being done in a game or practice. They want to be made part of the decision-making process."

"Boys tend to have bigger egos. They like to be told what to do, but will they listen or not? Girls are more mature at this age. Team is very important to them. But boys often think of themselves first, team second."

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contract Monday night to begin playing for the Orioles this summer. He left on Saturday for Sarasota, Fla., where he will play for Baltimore's farm club in the Gulf Coast League, a circuit comprised primarily of first-year professional players.

"I knew before the guy (Orioles scout Fred Petersen) came in that he wasn't going to leave until I signed," said Brewer, a 6-foot-5, 225-pound right-handed pitcher. "It was just a matter of what they were going to give me. All I wanted was money for school — anything else was a bonus."

"They offered me \$16,000 for school, which is \$2,000 per semester, and they said I'd get an average signing bonus for someone drafted where I was \$12,000 to \$15,000. I talked it over with my mom and dad and (Petersen) said he had to make a few phone calls."

"They ended up offering me a \$15,000 bonus plus the \$16,000 for school. My dad said the decision was up to me, and I said

Brewer signs with Baltimore

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was also successful in football and basketball. But the state title in the 300 hurdles was the highlight of his prep career."

"I was real happy with the way things went this year," Holmes said. "It was the best track team O'Fallon has ever had. We've come a long way since my freshman year."

"Most of my (improvement) was mental. I was pretty confident (at state), but I was a little nervous because I was afraid I would hurt my shoulder again. That's the only thing that held me back."

As a junior, Holmes was a state qualifier in the 400, the 110 hurdles and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. As a sophomore, he qualified in the 4x100, 4x400 and the 400.

"In his freshman year, we tried to make him a hurdler," said O'Fallon assistant coach Dan Howe. "But he fell once in practice and he was kind of scared and he never got going again."

"Last year at a Saturday morning practice, we were having time trials in the 110 hurdles and Ralph decided to run against (former teammate) Andre

"My dad said the decision was up to me, and I said 'Where do I sign?' This is something I've always wanted to do since I was a little kid and now I get to live my dream. I'm one of the lucky ones."

Dustin Brewer

"Where do I sign?" It was a lot easier decision than picking out a school. This is something I've always wanted to do since I was a little kid and now I get to live my dream. I'm one of the lucky ones."

Since Monday, Brewer kept busy making preparations to leave for Florida. "I've been up at the mall every night to buy clothes," Brewer said Friday morning. "I'm all packed and ready to go."

Brewer will report Monday for his first

practice with Sarasota. The season starts Friday.

"Since I was a starting pitcher in high school, they'll probably give me a couple starts to see how everything goes," Brewer said. "But they'll also give me a chance in relief, maybe even as a closer, until they find a spot where I do the best and I'll stay there. I've been a starter most of my life, but in a freshman and sophomore years, I was a closer."

"The biggest adjustment will be not having my family and friends around. But everybody's got to leave sooner or later, so I'm just leaving a little sooner than other people."

The opportunity to work full-time on pitching with professional coaches played a key role in Brewer's decision to sign with the Orioles now.

"There are some things I've got to work out, like different mechanics, and (Sarasota's coaches) are the best ones to do it," he said. "I'm supposed to come home Sept. 3, but the (fall) instructional league starts Sept. 13. Depending on whether they send me to that, I could be home for a week or a couple months."

Holmes captures state 300 hurdles crown

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Ramsey. He ended up running 15 (seconds) flat. I had been kind of reluctant to have him run hurdles because he was so valuable in the sprints and relays, but once I saw what his time was, I said 'He's a hurdler.'"

Holmes didn't run the 300 hurdles until this season.

"Last year he concentrated on the 400," Howe said. "But the coaches got together over the winter and we talked about how Ralph reminded us of (former East St. Louis Lincoln star Rodney) Session (who won four events at state in 1996). We decided to run (Holmes) in the 4x100, the 4x400 and the two hurdles."

"We can put him in almost any race. At the (South Seven) conference meet, we didn't run him in the 110 hurdles and ran him in the 100 instead because we felt the team would get more points that way."

"Looking back at the state meet (results), I feel he could have won the 110 hurdles, too. I didn't know his state of mind (at the sectional) after he got hurt in the 110 because he wasn't saying anything. But we asked him if he still wanted to try the 300 hurdles and he said 'I'll run.' That's when (head coach) Ron (Koch) came up to me and said 'We

might be in for something special here.' Then he went out and ran a 36.84."

Holmes has narrowed his college choices to Troy (Ala.) State University, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and Illinois State University.

"I'll probably go for track and basketball, but football is still a possibility," said Holmes, who plans to visit all three schools in the next few weeks. "I don't really have a favorite sport, which makes it harder to decide. I think I can do best in track in college. I'd like to do at least three sports."

"All three schools have good business programs. I'm trying not to move away from home, but Troy State has a good hurdles coach and four other guys who can run under 14 (seconds) in the 110 harder in practice."

This summer, Holmes plans to compete in the Prairie State Games and will run for the East Side Flyers track team.

"I'm very satisfied with what I accomplished in high school. Most people after they graduate say 'I missed this' or 'I wish I could go back and do this,' but I did everything I wanted to do."

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Class AA Boys Track First team

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Discus: Damion McCottrill, East St. Louis

3,200 relay: Edwardsville (Shawn Davis, Ralph Holmes, Omar Miller and Kerry Salesman)

400 relay: East St. Louis (Deane Heard, Marquis Lee, Garwin Jones and Deter Anderson)

O'Fallon (Todd Bjerkaas, Ralph Holmes, Omar Miller and Kerry Salesman)

100 dash: Deter Anderson, East St. Louis

110 hurdles: Devrice Johnson, East St. Louis

3,200 relay: Peter Maag, Edwardsville

800 run: Jermaine Jones, Belleville East

400 relay: East St. Louis (Tyron Walker, Arnold Neely, Shawn Blair and Darwin Jones)

400 dash: Deter Anderson, East St. Louis

300 hurdles: Ralph Holmes, O'Fallon

1,600 run: Shawn Davis, Edwardsville

Triple jump: Carlos Leonard, Edwardsville

200 dash: Deter Anderson, East St. Louis

1,800 relay: Lincoln (Greg Clay, George Mumphard, Derickus Jones and Jason Hicks)

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Long jump: Carlos Leonard, Edwardsville; Jason Isbell, Belleville East

Shot put: Richard Bowens, Edwardsville; Nathan York, Collinsville

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3,200 relay: East St. Louis; O'Fallon

400 relay: Cahokia

100 dash: Marcus Lee, East St. Louis; George Mumphard, East St. Louis

110 hurdles: Jermaine Jones, Belleville East; Todd Bjerkaas, O'Fallon

3,200 run: Andy Bratten, Edwardsville; Mike Billings, Belleville West

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Community

The **EAGLE PARK ACRES SENIORS** will hold the annual barbecue from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 20, and Harrison and Booker streets, one block west of Illinois 203. The menu includes chicken, pork steaks, hot links, hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, homemade ice cream and cakes, with a choice of spaghetti, potato salad or slaw with plate dinners.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS FROM DANCE is set for 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. June 13 at the Occasions Banquet Hall, 9451. The event is open to the public, beer and food are available. Cost is \$8 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. Free dance lessons are offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call (314) 781-5943 or (314) 561-6744 for more information.

Music/concerts

Drummer **STAN FORNASZEWSKI** and his **BIG BAND** presents the "Best of Big Bands and Beyond" concert, and is held starting at 7:30 p.m. June 18 at Wilson Park.

Stage plays/musicals

The Pastor's Aid Ministry of the **TRUE FELLOWSHIP M.B. CHURCH** is

sponsoring a trip to "The Great Passion Play" on Aug. 27-29 to Eureka Springs, Ark. All are invited to come and experience this great outdoor musical event. Prices vary, depending on hotel accommodations. A non-refundable \$25 deposit is due by July 5 to secure a seat on the bus. Costs and room occupancy are \$120 for one person, \$100 each for two people, \$90 each for three and \$80 each for four.

The bus boards at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 27 at True Fellowship and leaves at noon. The play is at 8 p.m. Aug. 28. The bus returns on Aug. 29. For more information, call Beatrice Riggs at 877-8783.

SUMMER SHOWBIZ, the annual stock theater program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will offer two Broadway blockbusters for summer fare this year: Meredith Willson's beloved "The Music Man," and the magical musical "Brigadoon" by Lerner and Loewe.

"The Music Man" will be staged at 7:30 p.m. June 11-14 and 18-21, and at 2 p.m. June 21. "Brigadoon" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. July 9-12 and 16-19, and at 2 p.m. July 19. All performances are in SIUE's Communications Theater.

Willson's tribute to small-town life in the Midwest tells the story of a lovable con man Harold Hill, who comes to River City, Iowa, to make a fast buck by convincing the townspeople he can put together a children's band. However, he falls for the local piano teacher and

finds that he can't go through with the swindle.

"Brigadoon," with its memorable score and lovely charm, is about two Americans who stumble on a magical town in the hills of Scotland, a town in which life and love bloom only once each 100 years. The two become caught up with the residents, and the mythical makeup of the town and must decide whether to stay.

Tickets for each show are \$10; \$8 for senior citizens 65 and older, students, and SIUE faculty and staff with valid ID. Tickets are available through the SIUE Fine Arts box office; call 692-2774.

History

A Living History Summer Camp is set for 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 15-20 at **JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL PARK**. Campers will experience the way both soldiers and civilians lived in the 1860s.

Participants will sample such experiences as military drill, setting up camp, making period meals, campfire, and making and firing a rifle. A sleep-over is scheduled for Friday.

Admission is \$25 per child. Children must be between 9 to 15 years old. The sleepover requires parental supervision. Advanced registration is required. To register or for more information, call (314) 544-5714. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

Tickets also are available at all Capital Ticket locations or by calling Daltix at 989-8000.

The Flying Vargas family, from Mexico, has eight flying trapeze artists. Each troupe member is a highly accomplished athlete. Their routine features multiple somersaults.

For general information, call 622-KIEL (6435). For group sales information, call 622-5454. For disabled access information, call 622-5420.

Event celebrates history
Annual rendezvous held at Fort De Chartres

By Scott Mandrell
Staff writer

Thirty years before the first stone was laid on post hole was dug at Fort Ticonderoga in upstate New York, a group of French Marines began construction on what stands as an anomaly of history in southwestern Illinois.

That now-ancient and magnificent tribute to an often forgotten period in our nation's colorful past is Fort de Chartres outside of Prairie du Rocher.

While the fame of Ticonderoga is promoted in textbooks, Chartres remains a well-kept secret of its neighbors and enthusiasts of colonial American history.

No battles ever scarred Chartres' ramparts. No tales of heroism are told of the men who garrisoned its limestone confines. And yet, more people than ever before flock to the majestic structure along the banks of the Mississippi.

Today, the State of Illinois maintains the grounds as a tourism and education attraction for visitors from around the region and around the world. The most spectacular event held at the site is the annual Rendezvous at Fort de Chartres.

And last weekend spectators and participants alike were treated to excellent weather, outstanding entertainment and an array of delicious foods.

Many of the participants are from around the area and come every year. Three-year-old Shelby Jesters of Belleville was attending her second rendezvous at Chartres this year with

"Our family got into rendezvous as buckskinners, years ago. We camp just outside the fort walls. It's just beautiful, here."

Irene Baltz

her mother, Thea.

"We come here every year," Thea Jesters said.

Shelby's grandmother, Irene Baltz of Milstadt, bragged that three generations of her family were now participating in living history events.

"Our family got into rendezvous as buckskinners, years ago. We camp just outside the fort walls. It's just beautiful, here," she said.

In addition to the many local folks who camped at the fort, a number of non-profit organizations sold food or craft items during the weekend for fundraising purposes.

Entertainment, including live and drum corps, a bagpipe band and folk musicians from all over the Midwest helped round out the 18th century experience for those in attendance.

While everyone had their favorite story to tell about Fort de Chartres, participants and spectators all agreed that this year the best thing was the weather.

In years past, camp sites and parking areas were bogged down with rain water, and unbearable heat often stifled the day's activities. But this year a mild, dry weekend provided ideal conditions.

Of course, the weather at Fort de Chartres has always been important. The reason it was ultimately abandoned by the European armies which garrisoned it was its susceptibility to flooding.

Moolah Shrine Circus comes to Kiel

The Flying Vargas, the Royal Hanneford Elephants and Miss Genia the Teenage Juggling Genius will be among the acts at the annual Moolah Shrine Circus.

The 86th annual Moolah Shrine Circus is scheduled for June 18 through June 21 at the Kiel Center in downtown St. Louis.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. June 18, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. June 19, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. June 20, and 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. June 21.

The 7:30 p.m. June 19 and 1 p.m. June 21 performances will be signed for the hearing impaired.

Reserved tickets are \$18, \$14, \$12 (plaza reserved) and \$10 (mezzanine reserved). General admission mezzanine tickets are \$8, with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tickets for the circus are on sale at the Kiel Center box office, 14th and Clark streets, and at the Moolah Shrine Office, 125-45 Fee Fee Road.

\$1.8 million set for SIUE renovations

By Linda N. Weller
Staff writer

A late spring windfall of more than \$1.8 million from the state will allow Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to make some building repairs and renovations.

"When the governor and the General Assembly were putting together the final touches on the budget, they let it be known that special projects could be accommodated, and they asked for a needs list," said Keith Nichols, acting director of University News Services.

The biggest chunk awarded to SIUE during the May legislative session — \$712,000 — is earmarked for renovating the 32-year-old Science Building.

Planned work includes converting some lecture and auditorium space to classrooms; fixing the roof; renovating the building's lab wing; creating specialized classrooms and additional instructional labs; overhauling the heating and air conditioning, mechanical and electrical systems and bringing the facility up to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Some of the electrical work in the Science Building will be to accommodate computers and copy machines and wire specialized classrooms. Nichols said the Science Building houses engineering classes, and with construction beginning soon on the new Engineering Building, SIUE officials are "looking at the Science Building to make it more useful for students taking (science) classes."

Chancellor David Werner said: "We're grateful to the governor and Legislature and especially Sen. Evelyn Bowles and Rep. Jay Hoffman for providing these additional funds. These projects might not have become a reality without their hard work and their emphasis on education."

An appropriation of \$300,000 in the package will be used to renovate the psychomotor skills lab for the School of Nursing. Some 2,000 square feet in Alumni Hall will be renovated to create simulated medical facilities, such as a patient exam bay, labor/delivery/recovery room, operating anesthesia room and an intensive care unit. Equipment for the facility will come from private donors, Nichols said.

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News

New park heralds future along the Great River Road

By Ande Yakstis
Staff writer

The new Clifton Terrace Park at Godfrey may be a model for future riverside parks on the new National Scenic Byway of the Great River Road.

"Any acquisition of land or development of parks and pull-offs along the Scenic Parkway should emulate the park at Clifton Terrace," said Wayne Freeman, executive director of the Great Rivers Land Trust, a

group promoting development of the park.

On Tuesday, U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater proclaimed a 50-mile stretch of the Great River Road, from Alton to Kampsville, as a National Scenic Byway.

Freeman received the designation in a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Clifton Terrace Park is growing on a 3.2-acre stretch of land on the Great River Road along the bluffs near Clifton Terrace Road.

The second phase of the park is being completed on the site where German immigrant Louis Stirtz landed in 1852 and built his Clifton Terrace Inn and winery.

In phase two, a park sign will be displayed on wrought iron and natural limestone similar to the white stone in the bluffs, Freeman said. "A kiosk structure in oak and limestone will tell some of the history of the area," Freeman said. "The kiosk looks like the old well house built by Louis Stirtz in the 1870s."

The limestone terrace walls built by Stirtz in 1874 will be renovated. The terraces, built by Stirtz for his grape arbors, form a backdrop for the park.

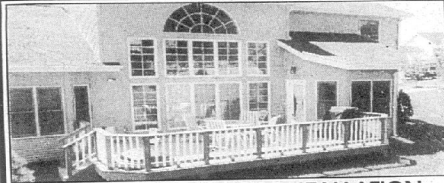
Stirtz' old wine cellar, built from hand-chiseled arched stone, still stands in the bluffs behind the park.

The roadside park is a joint venture of the village of Godfrey, Great Rivers Land Trust and Illinois Department of Transportation.

The park was included in a corridor management plan submitted to the U.S. Transportation Department to get the River Road designated as a National Scenic Byway.

The corridor plan was co-authored by Freeman, Annie Hoagland of the Alton Lake Heritage Parkway Commission and Pam Murphy, an IDOT planner.

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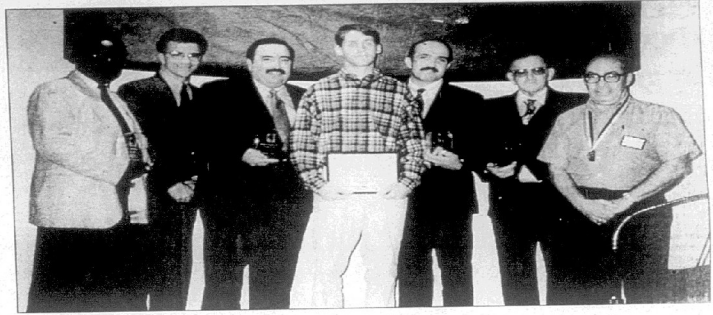
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Pictured, from left, are Joe Brice, Mark Goldenberg, John Hopkins, Patrick Tueth, Joe Mercurio, Harold "Brownie" Brown and Jerry Vonderheid.

Federation of Labor presents awards

The Greater Madison County Federation of Labor held its ninth annual Labor Awards Dinner June 6 in Granite City and presented awards in six categories.

Patrick Tueth, son of IBEW 649 Business manager Jack Tueth, received a \$1,000 scholarship for his essay on Upton Sinclair's novel, "The Jungle."

Jerry Vonderheid, Carpenters 1186, received the nationally-recognized George Meany Scouting Award for his

service in the Boy Scouts of America.

Joe Brice, Boilermakers 483, was recognized as Most Active Union Retiree.

Joe Mercurio, National Association of Letter Carriers 309, received the Outstanding Service to the Community Award for his activities in the annual food drive for food pantries.

The law firm of Hopkins Goldenberg received the Friend of Labor Award for its longstanding relationship with

labor unions and community organizations in Madison County.

Harold "Brownie" Brown was given the Labor Leader of the Year Award. He was described as being a person who, "when you need something done, whatever it is, Brownie is there."

The Greater Madison County Federation of Labor represents nearly 40,000 AFL-CIO union members in Southeastern Illinois.

SIUC holds commencement exercises

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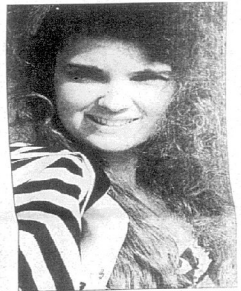
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Vanessa Vargo

Vargo selected in model contest

Vanessa Vargo, a Granite City-based professional model and singer, was one of the top five individuals selected in the Model of the Month Contest hosted by Models On-Line, a Web site service designed to promote local and national talent. Prizes in the competition include Internet placement, promotion and cash.

Vargo also performed as host and as a cheerleader on "The Edge," a new cable-TV show in St. Louis. This particular 30-minute show was about the St. Louis Rams cheerleader try-outs.

Vargo has most recently modeled for Sony-Microsoft, the "Blues Brothers 2000" movie, and Coca-Cola.

Stockman honored with baby shower

Lauri Stockman of Vanleer, Tenn., was honored with a baby shower given by her mother, Joyce Brazel, and sister, Amy Mills, on Feb. 7, at the Salvation Army Hall. The hall was decorated in pastels, with floral vases and floppy-eared bunnies on each table.

The cake was pink and white with Lauri's name inscribed upon it.

Games were played, with prizes being won by those present. Lauri then opened her gifts with help from Amy. Refreshments were then served to the following guests: Maxine Rutter, Lauri's grandmother; Jennifer Stockman, the honoree's daughter; Emily Mills; Minnie Kamacho; Marguerita Skipper; Cecilia Kamacho; Faith Nunn; Tiffany Henley; Bev Henley; Donna Ifland; Mandy Bradbury; Robin Melton; Debbie Wiehardt; David Walton; Lisa Walton; Sandy Payne; Betty Lewis; Frances Rossi; and Cindy DeGonia.

Lauri is the daughter of former Granite City residents Joyce and Ted Brazel.

News

Support checks stalled by glitch

Madison County parents are among 45,000 statewide who are facing delayed child-support checks because of computer problems at the Department of Public Aid, officials said.

All Illinois counties, with the exception of Cook and St. Clair, are affected. The checks have been delayed as much as three weeks.

The problem cropped up last month while agency officials worked on a new statewide computer system to track child-support payments, said Robert Lyons, administrator of the department's Division of Child Support Enforcement.

The tedious task of combining 100 county computer systems into one database for the entire state created the backlog, Lyons said. Department spokesman Dean Schott said Tuesday that 90-100 people, including 40 temporary workers hired because of the problem, are working solely on trying to put the system on track. The wait had been reduced to 10 days as of Tuesday afternoon, he said.

"This is a one-time, temporary problem," Schott said.

The delays involve thousands of dollars paid by parents to the state, which collects the money and distributes it to parents who have custody of their children. Each case involves parents who turned to the state to help them collect money from deadbeat parents.



John Frese photo

Picnic

Blair School first grader Curtis Walker gets a boost from Prather School first grader Michael Richmond while playing on the swings in Barry Lomax Park in Granite City. The boys were pen pals throughout last school year as part of a program arranged by Blair School teacher Debbie Smith and Prather School teacher Beth Ortals. The Madison and Granite City students traded letters all year and then met their pen pals at the park for a picnic during the last week of school.

College for Kids program slated this summer at BAC

Children can write, produce and star in their own theatrical productions, learn to communicate without speaking and find out what is fun about math, this summer in the College for Kids program at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College.

This summer, BAC's educational enrichment program offers unique and challenging workshops for children from kindergarten through the eighth grade. In recent summers, more than 600 children have participated in the program college-wide.

College for Kids classes are offered from July 13-31, with programs offered at all three BAC campuses. Altogether, there are more than 75 different workshops ranging from Windows to watercolor painting.

At the Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road, classes include:

- Sign Language for Fun - Learn to communicate through sign language. The class starts off with the alphabet and useful words, then moves on to phrases and even songs. The class is in session from 9 a.m. to noon. Grades 1-4. The fee is \$42. July 20-23

- Watercolors - In this creative watercolor painting class, each student will create a painting suitable for framing. The class is in session from 9 a.m. to noon. Grades 4-8. The fee is \$55. July 27-30

- Fun With Spanish - Learn the basics of Spanish by using small books. The class is in session from 9 a.m. to noon. Grades 1-3. The fee is \$38.

- Hercules, Hydra & Heroes - Children will use games, puzzles and contests to learn about the mythological monsters, gods and heroes of ancient Roman and Greek Mythology. The class is in session from 9 a.m. to noon. Grades 3-5. The fee is \$45.

- Sign Language for Fun - Learn the alphabet and how to carry on a conversation in sign language. The class is offered from 9 a.m. to noon for students in grades 5-8. The fee is \$42.

- Math Mania - Use puzzles, games and songs to improve your math skills. The class is in session from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Grades 2-4. The fee is \$45.



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'Last Days of Disco' lacks energy

Midway through Whit Stillman's "The Last Days of Disco," one thing becomes perfectly clear: The writer-director-producer never got into Studio 54, the Manhattan dance palace that defined the disco era.

Stillman sets his movie somewhere in the very early 1980s. By then, disco had already died and had been replaced by dance clubs that catered to performance artists, theme installations

and networking. And the once throbbing one-two, one-two beat of Vicki Sue Robinson, Cerrone et al. had been replaced by the music of Cyndi Lauper, the Human League, the Cars and the Clash.

But in Stillman's vision, it's all a blur, a morphing of the 1970s into the '80s — a time and place that hiccups rather than soars. There's no excitement or invention, no snappy creative plug to hold us or thrill us. Is this the club age he's talking about or the annual

convention of people who sell plastic lawn animals? His story revolves around a crew of infinitely uninspiring characters, who not only are bored with their very existences but who are boring to watch. It is somewhat painful to have to sit through their inane pronouncements about their pointless social activities. It is even more painful to hear them do so with an air of self-importance.

Alice (Chloe Sevigny) and Charlotte (Kate Beckinsale) have recently graduated from the same college and go to work in the editorial basement of a book publishing house.

Charlotte, a self-involved, rude moron, spends most of her time berating Alice for being a social failure in college. But she encourages her to hang out at a local 54-like club where they hope to hook up with a couple of guys. Charlotte met in the Hamptons.

The club is a place that clearly has seen better days and a better clientele. But people still line the curb trying to get a nod from Van (Burt Steiner), the storm trooper who runs the door. Inside, a nerdy guy named Des (Chris Eigeman) seems to pass for a party planner and assistant to Bernie (David Thornton), the shady dude who runs the club.

Des devotes his professional life to getting his friends into the club through the back door — when he's not scamming women by telling them he's gay.

Alice immediately takes up with a smarmy type who takes her home, beds her and promptly gives her a

sexually transmitted disease. Meanwhile, Des and Jimmy (Mackenzie Astin), who works in advertising, sort through their friendship, which seems to hang on Des sneaking Jimmy into the club because Van hates ad people. And Josh (Matt Keeslar), a young assistant district attorney, is busy helping his office nail the club and its owners for tax evasion and other nasty deeds.

But it's the relationships among this group where Stillman tries to keep the focus. These are friends who betray one another, pick each other apart, hurt one another and still find comfort in the group. Alice is especially masochistic, and remains with Charlotte despite endless sadistic acts.

What's important for these people is that they try to maintain a group social life rather than pair off. And they never quite figure out what truly matters.

Disco isn't what it used to be. But then, neither is life itself.

There are no breakthrough performances in this ensemble work, although Beckinsale, as the despicable Charlotte, does outshine the rest. She's a fresh and brittle at the same time and so totally into herself that she almost swirles in her own orbit. She's just terrific.

There's a great soundtrack featuring old dance tunes of the '70s and '80s. But with so little energy in the movie itself, you'll hardly want to tap your toe.

"The Last Days of Disco" is a Castle Rock Entertainment production. Associated Press

Horoscope

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

The moon in social Aquarius favorably aspects the sun, Mercury and Mars today, making it the perfect day to enjoy the company of good friends. You will find people are full of unusual stories with inventive Aquarius coloring the mood of the day. Now is a good time to tackle a sticky problem with an original idea as the solution.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): There are far-reaching benefits from getting acquainted with neighbors. Relationships force you to press your advantage or make your point. You feel strongly about humanitarian issues.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do what it takes to bring everyone together for common cause. Why be hypocritical of your own original work? Artistic integrity is more important than perfection. What you hear and read is not entirely true.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Luck flows into your life just as soon as you let go of old hurts and grudges. Challenge a vague statement respectfully but directly. Work around the house creates an atmosphere of playfulness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): In order to take control in matters that have been hanging, you only need to relax. Learning and memorization help you move ahead on the job quickly next week. Social fun includes a mood of liberation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The identity you have with your family is changing as your needs change. If you are open to compromise, you may not have to. Singles should approach love with intensity but remain flexible.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 14): You're in for a roller-coaster ride this year. It starts out slow, with money at a low, and love at a high point. In fact, you may be juggling more than one paramour on Saturday nights! But this changes around August or September, when love will take a back seat to increased career demands and a sudden increase in wealth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your sweetie finds your decency sexy. Your influence on a party or group is always tasteful and appropriate. Those who would kill to be part of the "in" group are working overtime.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Family and children are on your mind. You are willing to make personal sacrifices in order to teach or guide someone else. Listen for subtle hints in casual conversation tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): You thrive on teamwork now and can accomplish much more using the strength of numbers. Goals are never far from your mind and heart, no matter how attractive the social scene. Aquarius wants something from you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Love is complex. Remember, striving for unity is nothing to fight about. You are graded on your reactions to a challenge in matters of the heart. Intuition is strong, and personal influence is growing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Financial resolutions are now more easily met. Concentrate on personal relationships. A partner sometimes remains in his or her own secret world, and you may not be sure how to break in. Gentle attempts are best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Seize a public relations opportunity. Club activities are more fun than solitude. Relationships with teachers develop. Take a class or embark on an adventure with someone as ambitious as you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are apt to tolerate too much! You're motivated to make a commitment but should hold back for now and let others ask for one. If love is at a distance, you'll get a call.



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Ram Air Firebird



Ram Air Firebird bulges with power

By Tom Strongman

The flared nostrils of its Ram Air hood let even neophytes know that Pontiac's Firebird Formula with the WSA package is a serious performance machine. It bulges, snorts and bellows with 320 horsepower, accessed through a six-speed transmission that feels as rugged as an 18-wheeler. Its neck-wrenching acceleration means it is not a car that suffers fools or indecisive drivers. It commands your attention at all times, with the attention of almost every young person within eyesight, especially in the bright red livery of our test car.

Under the hood sits a 5.7-liter SL1 V-8 that is a kissin' cousin to the engine that lurks in the Chevrolet Corvette. It has an aluminum block with iron cylinder liners for durability and a deep-skirt design that adds structural rigidity to the crankshaft. While that technical stuff may be gospel to hot rodders, it has merit in everyday life because it adds to the engine's life span. In standard guise, it is rated at 305 horsepower, 20 more than last year. Add the Ram Air option, like our test car, and output goes up 15 horses. Serious stuff.

From the standpoint of brutal acceleration, the Ram Air Firebird is on par with the Corvette, although it costs thousands of dollars less. From a road holding and drivability standpoint, it is not nearly as refined as the Corvette.

With all this go-power on tap, Pontiac engineers have improved the Firebird's brakes. Both front and rear discs are larger, and they have added one of the industry's first Electronic Brakeforce Distribution proportion valves for the rear brakes. Pontiac says this results in better stopping and more even wear.

Anti-lock brakes are standard, and our test car was equipped with the optional traction control system (\$460) that is necessary with the abundance of power.

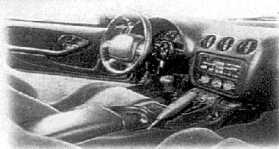
The six-speed transmission is best for ultimate performance, but in moderate driving around town the computer forces you to shift from first to fourth gear. This feature was created to improve fuel mileage, but is most annoying. I found myself constantly fighting the gearbox and trying to outsmart it, which resulted in even greater aggravation.

Given this car's performance nature, the front seats are heavily contoured to provide good lateral support for vigorous driving. They happen to be quite comfortable in everyday use, as well.

Instrumentation is not only complete but nicely designed. All gauges are housed in a large round pod behind the steering wheel, with the speedometer and tachometer taking precedence.

The center of the dash is occupied by the radio and ventilation controls. The 500-watt Monsoon stereo system was so powerful that when I put in a Dixie Chicks compact disc it made the rearview mirror jump and jiggle.

Muscle cars require certain sacrifices. Even though it does have a small back seat, the Firebird is basically only big enough for two people. A hump in the floor for the catalytic converter intrudes on the passenger's foot space. Luggage space is limited, but the back seat does fold forward. A large suitcase should fit in the deep well at the back of the trunk. There have been rumors about the



Engine: 5.7-liter, V-8
Transmission: Six-speed
Wheelbase: 101.1 inches
Curb Weight: 3,455 pounds
Base Price: \$22,865
Price as Driven: \$27,180
MPG Estimate: 17 city, 26 highway

future of the Firebird and its Chevy sibling, the Camaro, which seem unclear at this point. One thing is certain, however. With 320 horses, a six-speed transmission and a price of \$27,180, this is a lot of performance for the money.

The base price of the Firebird Formula with the SL1 V-8 is \$22,865. The Ram Air 556 package (\$3,100) consists of 17-inch wheels, performance handling package and a power steering cooler. Other options on our test car included traction control and a security alarm.

The sticker price was \$27,180. The standard warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Point: Brutally fast and ruggedly macho, the Ram Air Firebird Formula is a performance bargain.

Counterpoint: There is little luggage space, the back seat is small and a hump intrudes on passenger foot space.

Points & Plugs

Driving a race car is hot, bone-jarring work

By Rick Stoff

Watching from the comfort of the couch in an air-conditioned living room with a cool drink, driving a race car probably appears to be a lot of fun. You might imagine yourself driving a loud, high-powered car around a smooth oval track, or crisply sweeping left and right over the gentle hills of a road course.

The truth is, driving a race car these days is hot, bone-jarring work. Most race car suspension systems are designed to keep the traction in the action, not to comfort the driver. Stiff springs and shock absorbers maximize acceleration and cornering — and harshly transmit the tiniest bumps straight up a driver's spine into his head and chattering teeth.

Heavy layers of fire-resistant clothing increase the discomfort. On days that aren't necessarily hot to bystanders, the driver is baking from body heat, solar rays and engine fumes.

Sweeping turns and hills may be the most joyous experiences of a pleasure drive, but there are no such things in racing. Imagine trying to turn into your own driveway at 70 miles per hour. (Those of you who DO turn into your driveway at 70, imagine doing it at 100.)

Cornering in a race car tends to be a matter of driving it in as deep and hard as possible and then holding on, hoping you emerge at the other end and the other cars doing likewise on all sides of yours don't turn you into scrap.

In the most high-tech racing cars, cornering is more physically draining than imaginable due to the down-force created by wings that scrunch the car into the track. With more down-force, the cars can carry more speed around turns.

Higher speeds mean higher "G" forces on the drivers. In racing machines capable of turning at four or five Gs, the driver's head may feel as if it is about to explode. Several times a lap for the several hours required to complete the race.

The Imax movie "Super Speedway" recently premiered at the St. Louis Science Center. It is said to depict more realistically than any other simulation the intensity and stress of driving a top-end race car.

The movie takes viewers on oval- and road-course Indy-car rides with drivers Mario and Michael Andretti. The big screen displays a nearly three-dimensional sense of what it is like to be jerked around a race course in a race car that must feel like a non-stop roller-coaster plunge. The movie will be screened at the Science Center through Sept. 7. Admission is \$6.50 for adults and \$5.50 for senior citizens and children ages 3 to 17.

The St. Louis media preview of the movie was attended by CART Champ car driver J. Lehto.

"It is very real," Lehto said. "I have never seen such a good racing film before. Only the driver can feel it 100 percent."

Want to know how a racing driver feels at the end of a long race? Go see "Super Speedway" on a sunny day, then put on your winter clothes and roll down a hill inside a barrel a few dozen times.

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On The HOUSE



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The Smell Of Success

Hurry, prides himself on his sense of smell. He can smell a cool rain coming miles away. Or what's cooking on his neighbor's barbecue four houses down. Or the seasons by what's riding in the wind. Spring by the forsythia. Summer by the freshly mowed grasses. Fall by the burning leaves. Winter by the smoke of warming fires.

Houses have smells, too. The scent of seasoned wood that comes only with age in an older home. The smell of freshly poured concrete that lingers in the new-born house. The nostalgic odor from antiques in a grandmother's house. Or the factory fresh furniture in the new lady's home. The scent of baby powder proclaiming the arrival of the newest resident. The smell of medicines that are the lifeblood of the aged occupant.

Some houses specialize in inviting smells. Like home cooked meals. And cookies. Company smells of crisp linens and silver polish. Comforting smells of scented candles and snugly blankets. Clean smells of furniture polish and freshly laundered clothes and the outdoors brought indoors.

Smells in houses can make or break a sale. The family pet, for instance. Clean and lovable as it might be, its perfume to you might be person to a potential buyer. Unpleasant food odors, cigarette and cigar smoke, stale, dusty and mildew odors are all sale killers. What can you do about them? Fresh air has the most curative power. First get rid of the source of the offensive odor. Then air out your house well. And often.

Whatever you do, don't try to mask one odor with another. Cheap room deodorizers sometimes can be more offensive. Studies have shown anything with a vanilla scent is the most pleasing to the average person. If you must use a room deodorizer, try that. But with a light hand. Fresh flowers are subtle and great. Keep kitty litter boxes clean and as far out of sight as possible. And bath frequently. Introduce smokers to the outdoors.

Last, time a Harry to give you an unbiased opinion. When you live in a house it's hard to detect the house odor yourself. An impartial Harry will tell you if there is one. And you'll need to know if you want to sell. Remember, when selling a house the best smell is no smell.

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